



Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation Grant Programs



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All-Time Funding Numbers

YEAR	AMOUNT FUNDED	APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED	APPLICATIONS FUNDED	TOTAL PROJECT COST
2015	\$405,479	23	15	\$1.8 Million
2016	\$796,396	53	15	\$5.2 Million
2017	\$453,112	28	14	\$2.8 Million
2018	\$4,218,041	84	58	\$33.1 Million
2019	\$4,375,209	66	55	\$35.6 Million
2020	\$6,031,396	97	59	\$42.9 Million
2021	\$7,500,445*	145	98	\$54.4 Million
Total	\$23,864,759	496	314	\$176.8 Million

7.4 to 1 Public/Private Leverage

Rural Funding 65.67% - \$15,671,708.97

2021: **\$14 million** in funding requests

* additional 1 time appropriation \$4 million



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- **Pilot program began in 2015 - Program sunset has been extended to 2028**
- **Since 2018, the UORG has been funded by the state-wide Transient Room Tax (TRT)**
- **UORG for the construction of NEW outdoor recreation infrastructure and RRI is for Restoration of existing infrastructure.**
- **Emphasis on projects that offer economic opportunities for the community, enhance quality of life, and provide social & health benefits**





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- The demand continues to grow. Outdoor Adventure Commission was formed to establish strategy and vision.
- We are finding that Outdoor Recreation is a key factor in the growth and recruitment of many business sectors. [Kem C Gardner 2021 Study](#)
- Outdoor Recreation is a key part of the tourism, tech, financial, and manufacturing industries in the state and the quality of life of our residents.
- The State TRT has been a great funding source that brings a lot of value to our communities. We should continue and explore additional sources to support our outdoor recreation infrastructure.





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Tier 1

\$10,001 - \$150,000

Funds NEW Recreation Infrastructure

1:1 Matching Component

Economic / Tourism Benefit



Regional Asset Tier Up to \$500,000

Project Value Must Be At Least \$2 Million

Funds Large NEW Recreation Infrastructure Projects

Matching Component Does Exceed 1:1

Economic / Tourism Benefit

Presentation to Grant Scoring Committee Required



Mini-Grant

\$500 - \$10,000

Funds Small NEW Recreation infrastructure

Streamlined Application

1:1 Matching Component



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Eligible UORG Infrastructure

Camping: tent, RV, yurts, and hammocking

Fishing: all recreational types

Nature enjoyment: wildlife viewing, wildlife photography, birdwatching, and nature walks

Off-road motorized activities: UTV, ATV, and off-road motorcycles

Outdoor adventure course activities: outdoor challenge course, disc golf, or ropes course

Rock and mountain activities: Climbing, canyoneering, rappelling, etc...

Shooting activities: archery, target shooting, and biathlon

Snow activities: snowboarding, all skiing types, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, and ice-skating in outdoor spaces

Trail activities (natural surface): backpacking, hiking, trail running, mountain biking, and horseback riding

Water activities: canoeing, kayaking, rafting, stand-up paddling, sailing, motorized boating, swimming in lakes or rivers, and snorkeling

Wheel sports (paved surface): Recreational bicycling, skateboarding, scootering, and rollerblading

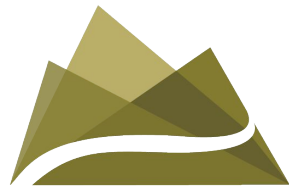


**Adaptive outdoor recreation of
all types listed**



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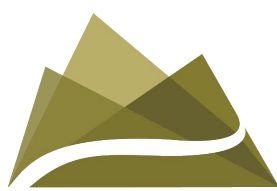


Recreation Restoration Infrastructure Grant

Grants Awards \$5,000 to \$150,000

- **Funds from the RRI grant help alleviate the backlog of heavy maintenance on public lands within the State of Utah.**
- **For EXISTING outdoor recreation infrastructure that needs restoration or replacement and sees high use.**
- **For projects that are in developed areas, predominantly summer-use trails, campgrounds, day-use areas and water recreation areas.**
- **The infrastructure must be on publicly owned lands and coordination with land management agency is essential.**





Recreation Restoration Infrastructure Grant

Eligible Infrastructure Projects

The RRI Grant funding can be used to rehabilitate or restore recreation amenities on public lands in areas that receive high visitation..



Trails: Repair, realignment, reconstruction, or other major maintenance projects for both non-motorized and motorized trails and needed repairs or replacements of trail infrastructure such as bridges, culverts, trail signage, interpretation signage, trailhead kiosks, trailhead restroom, overlook structures, etc.



Campground/Picnic sites: Repair, replacement or reconstruction of campsite parking areas, potable water sources, tables, fire rings, restrooms, kiosks, rustic shelters for shade or rustic structures for visitor lodging, signage and the like.



Water recreation infrastructure: Repair, replacement or reconstruction of boat docks, fishing piers, shoreline boardwalks, boat launches, bank or shoreline repair for recreation areas, etc.



Accessible outdoor recreation facilities: Repair, replacement or reconstruction of recreation amenities that would be accessible to visitors with disabilities within the above categories.



What is not funded by the grants? Funding is for major reconstruction or restoration of the infrastructure, and is not for annual maintenance and upkeep. Invasive species removal can be included in a restoration plan as an eligible cost but cannot be a stand-alone project.





Matching Requirements



The UORG and RRI grants are both reimbursement grants, i.e. given after applicant's spend.

Given as a 50/50 match. At least half of applicant's match must be cash. *For RRI and UORG Mini-Grant grant, the match can be a combination of partner and applicant.*

Regional Asset Tier Projects will have a match exceeding 1:1 as the minimum total project cost must be at least \$2 million.

All grant applicants must put some amount of cash into the match to show "skin in the game."

